

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 FEBRUARY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1161-0-01 (ACCNO 6313) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: ALDRICH, LAWRENCE LEE Date Status assigned: 26 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	B +
Grade	E4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	16 Jul 1947	Weight	138 lb / 62.5 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 49PBR890825
Lat/Long: 141827N / 1090237E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 2
Mission Province: BINH DINH
(formerly):
Mission District: PHU MY
Mission Date: 6 May 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jun 92
Surveys: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

CASE: 1161

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

12 December 1975

ON 6 MAY 1968 SP4 LAWRENCE L. ALDRICH, COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 503D INFANTRY, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE, WAS ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES BR 890 825, BINH DINH PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. HE WAS LAST SEEN WHEN, DURING A FRIENDLY AIR STRIKE DIRECTED AT HOSTILE FORCES, A 750 POUND BOMB WAS SEEN TO IMPACT AT HIS LOCATION. A PLATOON LATER SEARCHED THE AREA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECOVER ANY PART OF HIM. (REF 1)

THE DETAILS OF THIS CASE WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION, IN JANUARY 1975. VIETNAMESE SOURCES REPORTED KNOWLEDGE OF A GRAVE SITE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES BR 907 828, WHICH WAS TENTATIVELY CORRELATED TO THIS INCIDENT. BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING TACTICAL SITUATION, HOWEVER, NO FURTHER ACTION COULD BE TAKEN CONCERNING THIS GRAVE SITE. SP4 ALDRICH IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

12 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT 525TH MIG, BIO DATA, 13 JUL 68. <2> 051903 AUG 92
CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

2 October 1992

ON 14 JUL 92, IE3 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION RELATING TO CASE 1161. THE WITNESS STATED THAT FOLLOWING A LARGE SCALE ENGAGEMENT IN MAY OR JUNE 1968, LOCAL MILITIA FORCES RECOVERED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN FROM THE BATTLEFIELD AND BURIED IT NEARBY. THE WITNESS WAS PRESENT DURING THE BURIAL AND LATER LED IE3 TO THE BURIAL LOCATION. THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE IS LOCATED IN A PLOWED FIELD WITHIN A FOUR-BY-FOURTEEN METER AREA. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT BR8824. THIS SITE WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR RECOVERY. (REF 2)